(b) The number of applicants still on the waiting list for new telephone connections in Andhra Pradesh including Hyderabad are 64,639 as on 31-12-1986.

(c) It is proposed to give about 24,000 and 58,000 lines in Hyderabad and other places in Andhra Pradesh respectively during the 7th plan. The obejctive of 7th plan is to clear the waiting list in the following manner:

(i) In Hyderabad upto 1.4.1984.

(ii) In Andhra Pradesh:

(1) MAX-I exchanges upto 1-4-1986.

(2) MAX-II exchanges upto 1-4-1987.

(3) MAX-III and Manual exchanges upto 1-4-1990.

Student Welfare Insurance Scheme

2382. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMTNT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a student welfare insurance scheme in the recent past; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Funds for Cochin-Madurai Highway in Kerala

2383. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3033 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th December, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has utilized the Central loan assistance of rupees one crore sanctioned under Central Air Programme of inter State road development for development, expansion etc. of Cochin-Madurai Highway during the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Construction of Cochin-Madurai road was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 1 crore in the Sixth Plan under the Central programme of loan assistance for State roads of inter-State or economic importance. The detailed estimates were to be sanctioned by State Govt. under the powers delegated to them. However, they have sanctioned a portion of the work only in December, 1986 for Rs. 68.31 lakhs and Audit have been authorised to admit expenditure against this work. As the work was sanctioned only during the 7th Plan by the State Govt., no expenditure was incurred on it during the Sixth Plan.

Booking facilities by Vayudoot

2384. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot does not allow passengers to book tickets with other Airlines to fly on the sectors operated by Vayudoot;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to revise this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.